under CGHS are as under:

Allopathic (Phar)	Rs. 4500-7000/-
Ayurvedic (Phar)	-do-
Homoeopathic Pharm.	-do-
Unani Pharm.	-do-
Siddha Pharm.	-do-

(b) and (c) Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Pharmacists have been granted first ACP in the scale of pay of Rs. 5500-9000 as there is hierarchy by way of promotion in the post of Store Officer (Scale of Pay of Rs. 5500-9000) and diereafter secondACP in the scale of pay of Rs. 6500-10500 as per Department of Personnel and Training's Office Memorandum No. 35034/1/97-Estt. (D) dated 9th August, 1999.

In so far as Unani System is concerned, there is no hierarchy, with the result that the first and second ACPs have been granted in the scale of pay of Rs. 5000-8000 and Rs. 5500-9000 respectively. Pharmacists (Allopathic) are yet to be granted the benefit of ACP Scheme because some anomalous situation is existing in the promotional hierarchy as also in the pay scale attached to the post of Assistant Store Superintendent/Store Superintendent which have become equal to those of Pharmacists (Allopathic) after implementation of Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations.

(d) and (e) The issue relating to anomaly in the pay structure of Pharmacists working in Central Government Hospital/Dispensaries in Railways, Defence and CGHS is already under reference to National Anomaly Committee (JCM) constituted under the Department of Personnel and Training whose decision has not been communicated to this Ministry so far.

Adoption of Family Planning Methods in Northern States

2923. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Northern States in the country have shown dismal progress in adopting family planning methods during the past few years;

(b) if so, whether the factors responsible for this have been assessed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to popularize family planning methods in Northern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Uttaranchal show weak demographic indices.

The National Population Policy, 2000 envisages strengthening and energizing the family planning services in the above 8 demographically weaker States.

At the first meeting of the National Commission on Population, Prime Minister had announced the formation of an Empowered Action Group within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for paying focussed attention to these States with deficient national sociodomographic indices.

Accordingly an Empowered Action Group (EAG) has been constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 20.3.2001 for the area specific programmes with special emphasis on States that have been lagging behind in containing population growth. Broadly these States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh will be covered. Success of population stabilisation efforts in these States will impact the socio-demographic indicators on the national level.

Transfer of Doctors and Staff for CGHS Dispensary, Gurgaon

2924. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four doctors aid equal number of paramedical staff of CGHS Dispensary No. 73 (Gurgaon) are stationed there for more than 15 years or so, whereas there are number of doctors willing to be posted there and their requests are pending with the authorities to be considered;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to transfer the said doctors and staff immediately as they have already completed their tenure long ago and have become a problem for the patients; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) The list of Doctors and para-medical Staff with date of posting